

*Dedication Program*

*for*

WISCONSIN INTERSTATE ROUTE 90

*in*

ROCK COUNTY BETWEEN JANESVILLE AND BELOIT

November 24, 1959



# *Greetings from Governor Nelson*

The dedication of this functional and beautiful segment of Wisconsin's Interstate Highway System here today clearly illustrates how cooperation between the people of the various units of government can bring about civic progress.

Officials at the state level found county, township and city and village officials genuinely eager to lend their valuable efforts in planning and building this efficient and safe section of highway.

As Governor of Wisconsin I am pleased to note that this cooperation, combined with the foresight and high standards of the citizens of this area, has resulted in providing Wisconsin motorists as well as visitors with the best transportation facility available.

It is a pleasure for me to be with you today to take part in dedicating this important 15 miles of Wisconsin's Modern Highway System.



## *A Message from the State Highway Commission*

All classes and systems of Wisconsin's nearly 100,000 miles of highways are of primary importance in the movement of people and goods.

Today we are dedicating the largest single segment of four-lane highway to be completed at one time in the history of Rock County. This 15 miles of modern road will mean much to the citizens of this area and to the entire state for it will improve every phase of our standard of living. This new facility will make travel in this important region much safer, more convenient, and pleasant for passenger cars and commercial vehicles.

While we devote our attention today to dedicating this modern and impressive freeway to the motorists who will use it let us keep in mind that it is but one of many road systems in this area and that it is our policy in Wisconsin to maintain ALL of our highways to the highest possible standards.

We appreciate the cooperation of the citizens of Wisconsin in developing projects such as this and we are pleased to join with you today in observing this historic event.

HAROLD L. PLUMMER, Chairman

HARVEY GRASSE, Vice Chairman

G. H. BAKKE, Secretary

# *The National System Of Interstate And Defense Highways . . .*

. . . a 41,000-mile national network of four-lane roads . . . Wisconsin's portion, 452 miles . . . enabling legislation passed by Congress in 1956 . . . work began in Wisconsin that year . . . construction started for the Beloit-Janesville portion on July 21, 1958 . . . total mileage to be dedicated and opened this fall, Beloit-Janesville, 15.5 miles . . . 23 grade separation structures, 5 interchange structures, and 5 bridges . . . approximate total cost of 15.5 miles, \$8,475,000, about \$565,000 per mile . . . 90 per cent of this cost is provided by Federal Aid, the other 10 per cent by Wisconsin . . . estimated traffic volumes anticipate an annual average daily traffic of 14,000 vehicles in 1980 . . . on Interstate Route 90 between Beloit and Janesville—4,000,000 cubic yards of earth were moved in the grading process . . . 1,225,000 square yards of sand and gravel were used to construct the 9-inch subbase course . . . nearly 600,000 tons of sand and gravel were used to form the 6-inch base course and 496,000 square yards of Portland Concrete were used to form the 9-inch surface on the 4-lane road . . . for the shoulders and approaches on the three interchanges between Beloit and Janesville, 60,000 tons of bituminous material were used . . . the average number of acres of land required for a rural mile of the 4-lane facility, 40-50 . . . Interstate Route 90 between Beloit and Janesville will be officially open for traffic at 4 p. m. on November 24, 1959 . . . Wisconsin's portion of Interstate Route 90 running through Madison and Tomah connects with Minnesota's Route 90 near La Crosse and continues westward through Billings, Montana to the west coast . . . the eastern terminus of Route 90 through Chicago is near Boston.



## *Program*

At Janesville and Beloit

November 24, 1959

1:30 P. M.—Selections by the band.

2:00 P. M.—Introduction of clergyman by Tom Ryan, Janesville, Chairman

The Invocation

Introduction of H. L. Plummer, Chairman, State Highway Commission, by Mr. Ryan

Introduction of Guests by Mr. Plummer

Introduction of Wisconsin's Governor Gaylord Nelson

Introduction of E. A. Rosenstone, Director, Illinois Department of Public Works

Governor Nelson and Mr. Rosenstone move down to cut ribbon

Photos of ribbon cutting

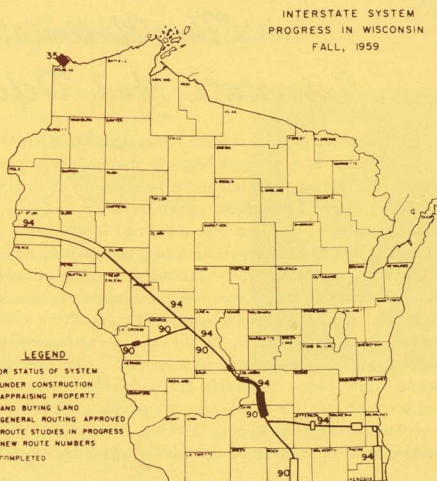
Cavalcade forms and moves south on new highway to Beloit

Ribbon cutting ceremonies will be repeated near Beloit at the Wisconsin - Illinois line



## THE CONTRACTORS

Raemisch Construction Company, Middleton, Wis.  
 Highway Pavers, Inc., Wauwatosa, Wis.  
 Ryan, Inc., Janesville, Wis.  
 Shappert Engineering Company, Belvidere, Ill.  
 H. A. Raemisch Company, Middleton, Wis.  
 James Peterson Sons, Medford, and  
 Kluck Construction Company, Stevens Point, Wis.  
 C. C. Linck, Beaver Dam, Wis.  
 R. T. Madden Company, Janesville, Wis.  
 Fox Valley Construction Company, Appleton, Wis.  
 Janesville Construction Company, Janesville, Wis.  
 Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific RR Co., Chicago, Ill.  
 Soil Testing Services, Inc., Chicago, Ill.  
 Chain-Linck Fence Corporation, Chicago, Ill.



## THE ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

Tom Ryan, Chairman, Ryan Construction Co.  
 Robert E. Tilley, Beloit, Chairman  
 A. D. Telfer, Beloit City Manager  
 Joseph Lustig, City Manager, Janesville  
 W. D. Schmidt, Rock County Highway Commissioner  
 Ames Gibbons, South Beloit Business Men  
 Bob Westfall, Chamber of Commerce, Janesville  
 T. J. Schuler, Greater Beloit Association of Commerce  
 A. L. Capelle, Rock County Sheriff  
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 John M. Liley, Chamber of Commerce  
 V. L. Fiedler, State Highway Commission  
 V. H. Moore, Town of Turtle  
 Tom Joyce, Gardner Baking Co.  
 H. J. Roche, State Highway Commission  
 H. A. Balsley, Wisconsin Road Builders Association  
 Gerry Landsness, State Highway Commission  
 Ralph O'Connor, WISC-TV  
 Vern W. Williams, WCLO-Radio  
 Robert O. Moran, WBEL-Radio  
 William Behling, Beloit Daily News  
 Harry Van Tuyl, Janesville Gazette  
 George Kalvelage, Janesville Gazette  
 Cliff Hutchinson, State Highway Commission

OFFICIAL ROUTE NUMBERING FOR THE NATIONAL SYSTEM OF  
 INTERSTATE AND DEFENSE HIGHWAYS  
 AS ADOPTED BY THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF  
 STATE HIGHWAY ENGINEERS

